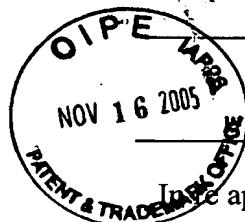


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Application No.: 10/734,396

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response To Requirement For Restriction for the above-identified application.

- Applicants believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NIKOP062).
- Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NIKOP062).

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated October 28, 2005 in the above-referenced application as among Species I, II, III, IV, V, and VI, applicant hereby elects Species II to be examined first. Species II, (Figures 4A and 4B) consisting of claims 1-8, 44-49 and 52. The election is without traverse and does not affect the inventorship.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications regarding Species I, III, IV, V, and VI currently not elected.

Since no claims are being added after the election in the response, applicant declines at this moment to indicate which are believed to be readable upon the elected species (in

view of MPEP 809.02(a). Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the examination be carried out on the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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